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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON THIS 12th DAY OF May, 2003.

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In re Application of: Zamponi

Group Art Unit: 1751

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Examiner: EINSMANN

For: REACTIVE DYE MIXTURES

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2003. The Examiner requested that applicants elect between the following claim groups:

Group I - Claims 96-104, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye I;

Group II - Claims 105-113, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye II;

Group III - Claims 114-117, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye III;

Group IV - Claims 118-136, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye IV;

Group V - Claims 137-156, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye V,

Group VI - Claims 157-162, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye IV;

Group VII - Claim 89 section IX first mixture, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye (33);

Group VIII - Claim 89 section IX second mixture, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye (39);

Group IX - Claim 171, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye X; or

Group X - Claims 174-175, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye XI.

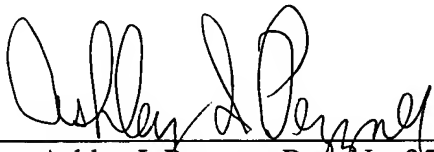
The applicants respectfully elect Group V, claims 137-156, drawn to a dye mixture of dye A with dye V, with traverse. All the groups contain dye A as a common characteristic. The applicants believe that the groups are therefore related and that the Examiner would be required to examine dye A. The applicants do not believe that there is an undue burden on the Examiner to search the remaining Groups. For the above reasons this rejection should be withdrawn.

No additional fees are due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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